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Committee Bill No. 652

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Referred to Committee on CHILDREN

Introduced by:
(KID)

***AN ACT CONCERNING REFERRALS FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF
CHILDREN AND FAMILIES TO THE BIRTH-TO-THREE PROGRAM.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. (*Effective July 1, 2013*) (a) The Commissioner of Children
2 and Families shall, within available appropriations, establish a pilot
3 program to address the developmental needs of children who have
4 been victims of abuse or neglect. Such pilot program shall be
5 implemented in two or more Department of Children and Families
6 offices and shall: (1) Require the Department of Children and Families
7 to refer any child thirty-six months of age or younger who is served by
8 any such office and is the victim of substantiated abuse or neglect, as
9 defined in section 17a-247a of the general statutes, to the birth-to-three
10 program, established under section 17a-248b of the general statutes,
11 and (2) require the Commissioner of Developmental Services to
12 evaluate such child for eligibility for services under the birth-to-three
13 program.

14 (b) Not later than July 1, 2014, and annually thereafter until July 1,
15 2016, the Commissioner of Children and Families, in consultation with
16 the Commissioner of Developmental Services, and in accordance with

17 the provisions of section 11-4a of the general statutes, shall submit a
 18 report to the joint standing committee of the General Assembly having
 19 cognizance of matters relating to children, on the status of the
 20 establishment and implementation of the pilot program authorized
 21 pursuant to subsection (a) of this section. Such report shall include: (1)
 22 The number of children thirty-six months of age or younger within the
 23 state who are victims of substantiated abuse or neglect; (2) the
 24 percentage of children thirty-six months of age or younger within the
 25 state who experience developmental delays as measured by
 26 standardized diagnostic instruments and procedures, including
 27 informed clinical opinion, in the areas of (A) cognitive development,
 28 (B) physical development, (C) communication development, (D) social
 29 or emotional development, or (E) adaptive skills; (3) the percentage of
 30 children thirty-six months of age or younger within the state who are
 31 referred to the birth-to-three program for evaluation; (4) the percentage
 32 of children thirty-six months of age or younger within the state who
 33 are referred to the birth-to-three program for evaluation by the
 34 Department of Children and Families and who are found to be eligible
 35 for services under such program; and (5) the basis for such children's
 36 eligibility and the percentage of such children who actually receive
 37 services from the birth-to-three program.

38 (c) The pilot program shall terminate on July 1, 2016.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	July 1, 2013	New section

Statement of Purpose:

To create a pilot program to refer children thirty-six months of age or younger who are the victims of substantiated abuse or neglect to the birth-to-three program.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]

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